

American people, but he at least can speak for thousands and thousands of red-blooded Americans who know that Mr. Bryan has always been on the side that he regarded as right and that he never sold himself or his conscience, temporarily or for a permanent gain. Even Mr. Bryan's enemies have never accused him rightfully of hypocrisy, of being on the side that he did not believe was right. On the contrary, most persons are willing to admit that Mr. Bryan is always on the right side where a moral question is concerned, and it is in his interpretation of moral questions that Mr. Bryan has gained his fame.

"It has been said that he was never practicable, that he was an idle dreamer and that for the leader of a great business nation he would never do. Probably this is true in a material way; probably the United States could not prosper in dollars and cents by following Mr. Bryan's ideas, but it is certain that in a moral way no one could ever lose by following his doctrines.

#### DID NOT START TROUBLE

"Mr. Bryan has paid careful attention to the democratic convention. He has not justified the prophecies of those who said he would be the person who would take the harmony out of this convention. On the contrary, being a democrat, he has been content to sit by and watch with much interest the proceedings of the most harmonious democratic convention of the last two decades. He has cheered with the rest and has waved his American flag at particularly pointed remarks from Martin H. Glynn, temporary chairman, and Ollie James, permanent chairman. He has applauded, with vigor and wholeheartedly the parts of the speeches of these two men that have struck the crowd as being particularly apropos. And the chances are ten to one that he indorsed personally everything that he applauded, for that is his way. He would not applaud if he did not believe in it.

When Mr. James completed his speech yesterday, Mr. Bryan rose with the rest to add his applause to that of the crowd, but immediately he started away to fill a speaking engagement that he had made early in the week. He was too fast, however, to hear the shouts of the crowd for 'Bryan, Bryan. We want Bryan.' He heard the first of them, but he did not hear the calls that lasted for nearly fifteen minutes. They were the calls of the crusaders for their champion knight; for the man whom they knew to be true above all else, for the man they knew could be depended on to battle always and with his whole life and strength for the cause of right and justice. It was a tribute for a man said to be fallen, discredited, down and out. It was a living proof of the fact that Mr. Bryan is not down and out.

#### PROBABLY WILL RISE AGAIN

"Mr. Bryan probably will rise again. Not as a public man, but as a private citizen, in the same manner that once gained for him the title of America's greatest private citizen. There will come a time, unless in the meantime the Almighty should will that Mr. Bryan had done enough, when he will be called to take the lead for a moral issue. And he will be ready to take the lead and to summon his followers once again with the same spirit and undying hope that has earned for him the everlasting admiration of thousands of Americans.

"This is not a political article. Mr. Bryan's political strength is not under discussion. As long as he lives and retains his vitality he will be a force in his party, but not a force in the sense of seeking office himself or of placing himself at the head of his party again. This is, therefore, simply an appreciation of what Mr. Bryan has done and a prophecy molded on the principle that a just cause never dies, that Mr. Bryan is not done, as many would believe, but that as long as he lives he will be the champion of the forces of morality and will himself attain prominence according to the degree of prominence that the issue of morality occupies in the years to come.

#### DR. LEE SAYS BRYAN'S WAS BRIGHTEST FACE AT CONVENTION

"No one could look into the face of William Jennings Bryan among the reporters at the national democratic convention without being able to see what grape juice and the love of God can do in the making of a vast character."

Rev. Dr. James W. Lee, presiding elder, who offered the opening prayer as chaplain of the convention last Wednesday morning, uttered these words in a sermon yesterday morning at St. John's Southern Methodist church. He said: "As we go about, we can always tell, by look-

ing into the faces of the persons we meet, exactly what their spiritual diet is.

"I was profoundly impressed with the democratic convention here. In my opinion, the most remarkable thing in that convention was William Jennings Bryan. I have not always agreed with Mr. Bryan's political theories, but after more than twenty years of political struggle he has come through it all with a great, radiant, splendid, well-rounded, rich character. The brightest face in the convention, the most interesting, the most beautiful, was that of Mr. Bryan.

"While Mr. Bryan was in St. Louis, I interviewed him in his room at the Jefferson hotel.

"In that interview he told me he had never set his heart upon office, and that he had simply sought to do his duty by advocating the great political principles he thought necessary for the best interests of our country.

"I then told Mr. Bryan the opinion Col. Theodore Roosevelt had once expressed of him.

"It was while Roosevelt was president. I was a neighbor of Joel Chandler Harris, author of the 'Uncle Remus' stories. Roosevelt had invited Harris to Washington as his dinner guest.

"When Harris returned to Atlanta, I called on Harris to learn of the dinner and interview.

"Harris told me, and this I told last week to Mr. Bryan, that Roosevelt, in reply to a question of Harris, gave this opinion of the Nebraskan:

"By George, he would make the greatest Baptist preacher on earth."

Dr. Lee's subject was "The Bread of Life," taking the ground that man is a spiritual being needing spiritual nourishment, as well as a physical animal requiring physical food.—St. Louis Republic, June 19.

#### WHAT WAS DONE AT ST. LOUIS

In an editorial reviewing the St. Louis convention, J. C. McNealus, editor of the Dallas Democrat, says in its issue of June 24:

" \* \* \* The other pleasant and unexpected incident was the spontaneous manifestation of favor, on the part of all elements in the convention, including the lay visitors, for the Hon. William Jennings Bryan. He was there, modestly performing his duties as a newspaper reporter in the press box. The Old Guard manifested, in the sincerest of demonstrations, its unshaken loyalty to and confidence in the Old Commander. If anybody has been under the impression that the rank and file of the democracy of this country does not still love and have implicit confidence in William Jennings Bryan, that delusion would have been dispelled by observation of the evidence produced in that grand gathering of representatives of the unconquerable hosts of democracy gathered in the St. Louis coliseum. When the regular speakers had made their formal addresses to the convention, and started pursuing the regular program, the audience—taking advantage of its right—determined that Mr. Bryan should not be overlooked; and, for a full half-hour, they caused a complete suspension of business and would not be quieted until Chairman James notified them that Mr. Bryan was not, at that moment, in the building, and assured them that they should be given the opportunity to hear him before the convention finished its work. When it was announced that Mr. Bryan was to speak at night, not one-half of those who desired to hear him could get inside the coliseum walls, when the assembling hour had arrived. The building had to be turned over, temporarily, to the fire department of St. Louis, as a precaution against accident and to preserve anything approaching public order. It was impossible for traffic in the street within a radius of several blocks of the building, to proceed. Mr. Bryan's speech was a temperate, patriotic, worthy effort. It proved that those enemies who have tried to picture him in the minds of the public as a chronic malcontent and a party bolter have grossly misrepresented him, in their effort to cast suspicion on his party loyalty and his personal patriotism. The Old Commander and the Old Guard will wear the brass collar and vote the ticket straight, as they always have done. The conclusion from this St. Louis incident justifies the verdict that, while the democrats of the union are willing to follow and fight for Woodrow Wilson, way down deep in their democratic hearts is a love for William Jennings Bryan that no other public character has been able to obtain during the time in which he has been a factor in public and party affairs."

#### MR. BRYAN AT ST. LOUIS

When the delegates were gathering for the democratic national convention in St. Louis last week the big daily papers published columns of

stuff about how Mr. Bryan was being ignored and slighted. According to these papers he looked forlorn, care-worn and hopeless. Nobody greeted him and the great men shunned him. He was an object of pity and commiseration. His advice was not sought and his presence was only tolerated out of consideration for his feelings. I wonder how the editors and correspondents of these same papers felt and what they thought of themselves when, as a matter of news, they found it necessary to publish the following as the convention was closing its labors:

"The dramatic heights of the convention—the climax of the harmony and the unity that has prevailed on the surface—came not with the Wilson nomination. It was the Bryan speech earlier in the night, the effacement by the Commoner of all the differences that have divided him and the former client. It was the burying of the grievances and rancor that have embittered him since he left the presidential family, the wiping out of the past, publicly at least, in a ringing speech.

"I join the American people in thanking God we have a President who has kept us out of this bloody war—Woodrow Wilson," he said.

"There have been many demonstrations in this convention. Some of it has been real enthusiasm—enthusiasm born out of a hope and desire for victory which they believe Woodrow Wilson can bring. But the real demonstration which rang with sincerity was when Bryan proclaimed loyalty and support to President Wilson and the ticket. It had none of the 'guff' and flubdub about it through which convention demonstration is forced. It came straight from the heart of the convention; for democracy repudiating Bryan as a leader, yet, Bryan."

Thus it was that Bryan's enemies were forced to give the lie to what they had said about him a few days before. Notwithstanding his many unscrupulous enemies he was not only the biggest but the most popular man in St. Louis. He is still the greatest living American. — W. D. Vincent, in Clay Center, Kansas, Economist.

#### MR. WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN

Ever since the memorable day when Mr. William Jennings Bryan resigned from President Wilson's cabinet he has been confounding his political enemies and some of his so-called political friends. These gentlemen have been viewing with alarm everything done or said by the Nebraskan. They have, in fact, been the readiest little viewers on record within recent years. Pretending to be convinced that Mr. Bryan was engaged in a more or less secret campaign to wreck the democratic party, they have found time to indulge in wild predictions calculated to make a timid man's hair stand erect.

And Mr. Bryan, neglecting to gratify these detractors by replying to their insinuations and direct charges by word of mouth, has gone steadily ahead as a sterling democrat—the foremost one living, he was pronounced at the St. Louis convention of his party. Unperturbed by the nasty slaps which have been aimed in his direction he is proceeding to do whatever he may as an aid to democratic success, and, among other announcements of his policies, has said that his services on the stump are available if desired.

The man, democrat, or no democrat, who fails to realize the figure which Mr. Bryan cuts in the public and political existence of the United States and as a dominant individual in his own party, is a very unobservant one. If democracy has contained within its ranks for the past two decades a more valuable soldier of the cause than he it would be interesting to know his identity. —Oklahoma City Oklahoman.

#### THAT TRIBUTE TO BRYAN

And how fine that the convention demanded repeatedly and would not be denied a speech from Mr. Bryan. He was the hero of the gathering. Denied a seat at the head of his delegation by the men of his party in Nebraska because of his attitude against liquor, he attended the convention as a correspondent. But from the time he entered on the first day the delegates and spectators insisted that he be heard. The keynote speeches by ex-Governor Martin Glynn of New York, and by Senator Ollie James of Kentucky, both had voiced in a way the views which Mr. Bryan has expressed on our international questions. As the convention applauded these utterances to the echo, he was visibly affected. But the national democracy would not be denied an utterance by the great commoner himself and last night men fought to enter the convention hall to hear him. The meagre dispatches indicate only imperfectly what no doubt occurred. And then for forty-five minutes he placed before the party his expression of the